Fire in Jhuggi cluster in Delhi

3909. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jhuggi cluster blazes in Delhi have taken toll of life during the last four months;

(b) if so, the number and details of such blazes in Delhi together with the toll of life as a result thereof during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide relief to the victims and to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the last four months i.e., from April, 1992 to July, 1992. six incidents of fire in Jhuggi clusters took place in the capital. 12 persons were killed and 6 persons were injured in these fires. In cases relating to death, ex-gratia relief is provided to the next of kin of the deceased at the rate of Rs. 20,000/ in case of major and Rs. 10,000/- in case of a minor. Ex-gratia relief at the rate of Rs. 500/- is providd to each family whose jhuggi is affected by fire. A sum of Rs. 20,22,500/- has been paid on account of relief during this period. For creating awareness amongst the residents of jhuggi-jhopri colonies in regard to fire safety, the Delhi Fire Service have distributed pamphlets containing fire preventive instructions and have also carried out demonstrations.

Assent to Members Salaries and Pension (Amendment) Bill

3910. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Yill the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the Members Salaries and Pension (Amendment) Bill, 1991;

(b) whether the clarifications sought thereon have been submitted by Government; and

(c) by when the assent of the President is likely to be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) On 6th March, 1992 the President withheld his assent to the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1991 passed by both Houses of Parliament.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Pending bills in Rajya Sabha

3911. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Government Bills are pending in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) for more than two years;

(b) whether Government propose to advise the respective Ministries either to withdraw these Bills or get them passed by the Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There are 12 such Government Bills.

(b) and (c) Article 107 of the Constitution does not lay down any time limit for passing of an originating Bill by eihter House of Parliament.

Waiting list of L.P.G. in district Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh

3912. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumers on the waiting list with various gas distributors